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Justice Minister Supports Federal Internet Legislation

The Yukon Government supports federal legislation that would make reporting child pornography mandatory for internet service providers (ISP), Justice Minister Marian C. Horne announced.

Under the proposed legislation that was discussed by federal, provincial and territorial Justice ministers in Quebec City last week, ISPs that do not immediately report this content will be charged.

"Yukon supports this long overdue initiative," Horne said. "As noted by my colleague Steve Nordick, the MLA for Klondike, in the fall sitting of the legislative assembly, this legislation will help enforcement efforts against child pornography, which will help protect our children and our families."

Federal, territorial and provincial justice ministers discussed a number of initiatives at their Quebec meeting including the proposed ISP legislation, legal aid funding, people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) involved in the justice system, the need to develop a northern policing framework and violence against women prevention initiatives.

"These discussions provided the officials from other jurisdictions with a clear understanding of the needs and challenges of people living in the North," said Horne. "Our provincial and federal colleagues showed great support and have agreed to continue to work on these initiatives."

Yukon is set to host a conference focusing on people with FASD in the justice system this month.

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